GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1290
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NGOs
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria/guidelines being followed by the Ministry of Culture for providing financial assistance to NGOs under the schemes 'Seminar' and 'Construction of Building';

(b) the number of the proposals received from various NGOs under these schemes during each of the last three years till date; and

(c) the number of NGOs selected and the financial assistance provided to them under these 'schemes' during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) Each proposal is examined on its merit by the Committee of Experts chaired by the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture. NGOs are selected by the Committee as per the criteria/guidelines laid down in the relevant schemes.

Seminar Grant : The scheme covers voluntary organisations engaged in cultural activities and doing research in different aspects of Indian Culture as related to its traditions and philosophy etc. They should be of all India character or of National fame and should have been functioning for at least three years and registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860). Such organisations or institutions as mentioned above should have a properly constituted managing body and should be financially sound. The financial assistance is given for the purposes of holding conferences, seminars and symposia on important cultural matters and to meet expenditure on activities of development nature like conduct of surveys pilot project, etc.

Construction of Building : Under the scheme, the grants are given for construction of building to the cultural organisations working for promotion of culture for at least five years and are registered under the Societies Registration Act (XXI of 1860) for at least two years. The above organisations should have a regional identity and should be duly recommended by the State Government concerned.

(b)&(c) : A statement is enclosed.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1290 FOR 10.3.2005 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NGOs.

SEMINAR GRANT

Year	No. of proposals received	No. of NGOs selected	Financial Assistance provided
2002-2003	394	72	Rs.45,29,000/-
2003-2004	264	71	Rs.69,99,859/-
2004-2005	593	192	Rs.83,66,790/-

BUILDING GRANT

Year	No. of proposals received	No. of NGOs selected	Financial Assistance provided
2002-2003	393	94	Rs.2,35,00,000/-
2003-2004	472	106	Rs.2,63,00,000/-
2004-2005	777	224	Rs.5,57,14,441/-